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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 602

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from Columbia State Community College.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those professional educators who, in their years of exemplary service, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore is one such estimable person who has served with honor and acumen for 34 years as an educator at Columbia State Community College; he holds the distinction of being Tennessee's first community college instructor; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cohn High School in Nashville, Dr. Moore attended Vanderbilt University, where he graduated with honors; he also received his master's degree from Vanderbilt and was a Falk Fellow. He continued his education, earning a Doctor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore began his illustrious career at Columbia State in 1966, after a distinguished tenure at Columbia Military Academy, where he served as the Head of the Social Studies Department and as a coach and a recruiter for the Athletic Department; and

WHEREAS, during his 34 outstanding years at Columbia State, Dr. Moore has risen through the ranks to become a Professor of Political Science and History; he has also held

numerous positions of leadership at the school, including meritorious service as Chairman of the Social Science Division, Coordinator of Upper Division and Graduate Programs, and interim Assistant Dean for Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore is a source of inspiration to everyone who knows and cherishes him; he is tremendously admired and respected by students, administrators and faculty, alike; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore has served his school and his colleagues with distinction as the president of the first Faculty Association; a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; Chairman of the Academic Council, Chairman of the committee to install the President, Chairman of the campus drive for the \$1 million campaign; and as past Secretary of the CSCC Foundation and Executive Committee; he also played an instrumental role in Columbia State gaining accreditation from SACS; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore demonstrated his loyalty to Columbia State by funding scholarships at the school in honor of his mother, Mary Eunice Campbell Moore, and his father, Lewis Edward Moore, Sr., the former postmaster of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional teaching talents and his meritorious service to Columbia State, Dr. Moore has been honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award and the first Columbia State President's Medal, in addition to receiving the Harold Love Community Service Award from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore has shared his vast expertise and knowledge of history as Chairman of the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Committee, the Tennessee Homecoming '86 Committee, and the Declaration of Independence Bicentennial Committee; and

WHEREAS, a highly admired and respected member of his profession, Lewis Moore has served astutely as a member of the Tennessee Conference of Historians. He has also served as President of the discontinued Tennessee Bicentennial Conference of Teachers of Social Science in Public Colleges and Universities; as President, and Editor of the Executive Council

for the Tennessee Political Science Association, and as a board member of the National Social Science Association; and

WHEREAS, he has penned numerous professional journal articles and papers, in addition to participating in many panel presentations, lecture series, conferences, and workshops; and

WHEREAS, an avid tennis enthusiast, Dr. Lewis Moore previously coached the men's tennis team at Columbia State, and led his charges to the TJCAA Championship in 1969; he was a founder of the Maury County Tennis Association, and served as its first president. As a show of the school's appreciation for his many significant contributions to its tennis program, Columbia State dedicated its tennis complex as the "Dr. Lewis E. Moore, Jr. Tennis Complex" in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore is the deserving recipient of many other prestigious awards, including Tennessee Political Science Association's Tom Stenger Distinguished Service Award, the Gamma Beta Phi Dedicated Educator Award, the National Press Foundation/U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission's Benjamin Franklin Award, and the Maury County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished veteran of the U.S. Army, Dr. Lewis Moore is also an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; he is a member of the Maury County Democratic Executive Committee, and lends his valuable support to the ALS Central Tennessee Chapter and Maury County Arts Guild; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Moore also generously contributes his time and numerous talents as a board member of the United Way of Maury County, the Frank G. Clement Foundation, the Columbia State Foundation, and Neighbors Concerned; and

WHEREAS, a true pillar of the community, Dr. Moore is a past board member of the Columbia Rotary Club, which has honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow; he is also a member of

the Maury County Historical Society, which he previously served as vice-president and as a board member, and was instrumental in organizing the Maury County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, he has given unreservedly of himself to develop this state's most precious resource, our children, as Chairman of the Maury County Better Schools Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Lewis Moore is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his devoted wife, Lilybel, their two daughters, Bonnie and Melinda, their son, Lewis III, and their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Dr. Moore faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of the Columbia First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Lewis Moore has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we salute his exemplary career as a professor at Columbia State Community College and a dedicated public servant in Maury County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.